

GRADUATE

Master of Arts Political Science (MA)



UBC's Master of Arts (MA) program in Political Science is a highly competitive one-year program that prepares students to pursue academic or non-academic careers in a wide variety of organizations.

UBC's Political Science department is unique in its methodological breadth and diversity of research interests, using both quantitative and qualitative methods, with strengths in:

Democracy

Climate

Governance

Foreign Policy

Indigenous Politics

Migration

Political Behavior

Human Security

Regional expertise in Asia,
North & Latin America, Europe and Africa

Types of Roles

Data & Economic Analysis

Program Coordinator

Research Assistant

Investment Associate

Marketing Specialist

Business Analyst

Refugee Support Worker

Administrator

Customer Success Manager

Campaign Staffer

Policy Developer

Communications Specialist

Evaluation & Needs Assessment

Global Security

Research Design

Policy Analyst

Consulting

Technical Writing

Students are available every May for 4-month paid work terms, with postings beginning in January. Hiring early ensures access to the largest pool of candidates.

Academic Training

Students choose from a range of courses to deepen their subject matter expertise and sharpen their skill development. Courses cover topics such as:

Qualitative Research Methods

Quantitative Techniques of Policy Analysis

Comparative Political Economy

International Relations

Political & Democratic Theory

Government, Governance & Politics

Skills and Competencies

To help employers tackle complex domestic and global issues, MA Political Science students are equipped with:

Analytical & quantitative skills

Critical thinking

Cultural & theoretical fluency

Presentation skills

Notably, our program features Canada's most robust sequence of graduate methods, which provides students with a sophisticated understanding of quantitative analysis.

With this broad skillset, MA Political Science students are well-suited for roles in government, local or global non-government organizations, and the private sector.



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